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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

TRUSTEES IN ALL BUT THREE CO. DISTRICTS

Elected Last Saturday At School Houses in McCracken.

Supt. Billington Gives Out Complete List Today.

WILL CALL MEETING SOON

County School Superintendent S. J. Billington today received the complete returns from the election held last Saturday in the 43 school districts under the new law, for school trustees. Only two of the sub-districts failed to hold the election, in one there was a contest and in three the names of the successful candidates have not been turned in. Superintendent Billington has heard considerable criticism of the new law and its operation and after he has had the opportunity to study it fully, he will be prepared to make recommendations for changes. The legislature desired that this be done by all superintendents so that a good working system may be devised. Some time this month Superintendent Billington will call the trustees in each of the six divisions together and they will elect a chairman who will be a member of the county board. These six division chairmen will constitute the county executive board. The names of the sub-districts and the trustees elected follow:

Division No. 1.
Sub-district No. 1. Hoverkamp—J. J. Hoverkamp.
Sub-district No. 2. Farley's—W. C. Roark.
Sub-district No. 3. Riedland—C. C. Dyson.
Sub-district No. 4. Oaks—James Draffen.
Sub-district No. 5. Shady Grove—No report.
Sub-district No. 6. Rosebower—P. A. Bagwell.

Division No. 2.
Sub-district No. 1. Ballance—J. E. Baes.
Sub-district No. 2. Florence—A. S. Thompson.
Sub-district No. 3. Sunny Slope—A. T. Wood.
Sub-district No. 4. Straub—P. A. Straub.
Sub-district No. 5. Kettler's—Charles Waninger.
Sub-district No. 6. Oak Grove—J. F. Graham.
Sub-district No. 7. County Line—J. T. Nichols.

Division No. 3.
Sub-district No. 1. Holt's—J. W. Rider.
Sub-district No. 2. Woodland—William Purdom.
Sub-district No. 3. Camella—L. H. Holt.
Sub-district No. 4. Milan—F. P. Ghoson.
Sub-district No. 5. Massack—L. S. Wilson.
Sub-district No. 6. Liberty Ridge—Charles Trewalia.
Sub-district No. 7. West McCracken—J. H. Childress.
Sub-district No. 8. Knott's—E. H. Seaton.

Division No. 4.
Sub-district No. 1. Rowlandtown—No report.
Sub-district No. 2. Arcadia—W. R. Davis.
Sub-district No. 3. Hendron—G. J. Beyer.
Sub-district No. 4. Eden's Hill—John Theobald, Jr.
Sub-district No. 5. Lone Oak—Dick Wadkins.
Sub-district No. 6. Lang's—No report.
Sub-district No. 7. Concord—J. I. Potter.
Sub-district No. 8. Pleasant Ridge—Fred Beyer.

Division No. 5.
Sub-district No. 1. Little Union—Neal Overstreet.
Sub-district No. 2. Highpoint—Contest.
Sub-district No. 3. Fisher's—Ben Meahl.

Sub-district No. 4. Palestine—H. Anderson.
Sub-district No. 5. Grahamville—W. A. King.
Sub-district No. 6. Baldree—W. J. Ferguson.

Division No. 6.
Sub-district No. 1—Ronsington—W. A. Smith.
Sub-district No. 2. Hickory Grove—W. H. Sexton.
Sub-district No. 3. Woodville—J. M. Rice.
Sub-district No. 4. Sommes—G. R. Murphy.
Sub-district No. 5. Burnley—L. W. Clements.
Sub-district No. 6. Ragland—C. T. Hodges.
Sub-district No. 7. Lee—M. W. Williams.

Women Confess

As the result of having Patrolman Tobe Owen to watch houses on Campbell street, A. C. Hayes and E. H. Pell, two women, were arrested last night on a charge of immorality. This morning in police court they were fined \$20 and costs. Several other houses were raided, but when the police went through they failed to find anyone. Patrolman Owen has been watching the houses at nights for suspected violations of the law, and last night he saw men enter the home of the Pell and Hayes women, 709 Campbell street. Patrolmen Barber and Merry were summoned, and the house was surrounded. After an hour's watch the patrolmen were admitted and the women were arrested. This morning in police court they confessed, and Police Judge Cross fined them.

TWO KILLED

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 7.—The Frisco passenger train from Memphis to Kansas City was wrecked and the engine and four coaches derailed. The baggage man and mail clerk were killed. Many passengers were injured, but none fatally.

GOODWIN DISAPPEARS

Walter Goodwin, the night rider witness who was ambushed and shot through the jaw near Hopkinsville, and who was brought to Riverside hospital here for treatment, has left the hospital in good shape but without informing any one of his destination. It is thought that he has gone to a safe retreat until he is needed by the commonwealth to testify in trials.

JUDGESHIP

Attorney J. G. Miller, Sr., has under advisement the requests of his friends to make the race for circuit judge against Judge William Reed. He has been in Marshall county and knows the situation pretty thoroughly. Judge Reed and Attorney Miller were opponents for the same office several years ago. He will announce his decision in the next day or two.

FIRE MARSHAL BUSY

Fire Marshal W. F. Nelkirk was a busy man this morning investigating the fire of O. E. Potter & company, which this afternoon a court of inquiry will be held. Many witnesses have been subpoenaed to attend and answer questions in the hopes of discovering new evidence. This morning the officials denied having found any additional facts of the supposed incendiary fire. Marshal Nelkirk read all of the evidence that has been collected, and he and Fire Chief Wood were in consultation.

MESSAGE DISCLOSED

Washington, Aug. 7.—Lieutenant-General Corbin, retired, published a hitherto unpublished message from Roosevelt, relating to the Brownsville affair, relieving Taft of responsibility for the negro troops' discharge. The message was sent from Porto Rico after Taft had suspended the discharge order. Roosevelt wired that the discharge must stand, unless important new facts have developed. It says: "I care nothing for yelling of politicians or sentimentalists. The offense was heinous and the punishment inflicted after due deliberation." The message adds that only facts, showing that the official report is untrue, will be heeded, and concluded: "I direct the order to be executed."

Taft Takes Long Drive.
Hot Springs, Aug. 7.—Judge and Mrs. Taft, General Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, and Vice Governor Forbes, of the Philippines, left for Sulphur Springs today for a 40 mile drive. A big party accompanied Taft, occupying three wagonettes. They will visit the horse show before returning Monday.

Chicago Market.

	Sept.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat	96 1/2	94 1/4	95 1/2	96 1/2
Corn	76 1/2	75	76	76 1/2
Oats	48 1/2	47 1/2	48	48 1/2
Prov.	15.67 1/2	15.42 1/2	15.52 1/2	15.52 1/2
Lard	9.50	9.42 1/2	9.47 1/2	9.47 1/2
Ribs	8.95	8.87 1/2	8.90	8.90

Wheat.
Washington, Aug. 7.—The agricultural report shows wheat condition to be 80.7 percent, normal.

Stock Market.
New York, Aug. 7.—The stock market today rose steadily with a brisk demand for stocks. It is reported in Wall street that Rockefeller is the greatest factor in the bull market.

MORE MAY DIE AS RESULT OF LOVER'S DEED

Mrs. Cora Oliver Suffers Severe Attack of Heart Trouble at Dinner.

Negro, Who Was Shot, Has Blood Poisoning.

LETTERS WRITTEN TO DEAD

Metropolis, Ill., Aug. 7.—Death lurked in the mood of James Kelley, the Paducah lad who shot and killed his sweetheart, Eva Sleeter, and her companion, Link James, Sunday night and then committed suicide. Scarcely had Miss Sleeter succumbed to her wounds, before the report was spread around town that Mrs. Cora Oliver, who was with Kelley on his mission of death, was dying, and information from Joppa is that George Wails, the negro, who was struck on the knee by a flying bullet, is suffering from blood poisoning. Mrs. Oliver did not die, but Drs. Davis and Miller worked with her for hours yesterday afternoon before she was fully recovered from an attack of heart trouble, apparently produced by something she had taken. The woman declares she took nothing but Jamaica ginger, though the attending physicians say it must have been a terrible dose to have produced her condition. She fell in a swoon at the dinner table.

Today Eva Sleeter was buried by pallbearers she herself named the day before she was shot. She included in the list of those she wished to officiate Cora Oliver, but she was omitted from the funeral arrangements for obvious reasons. Miss Sleeter told her family she desired the girls to dress in white, and when some one jokingly suggested that she might die in the winter time, she replied that the funeral would take place while yet summer apparel was in vogue.

There is much talk about the affair of Sunday, and the words of Eva Sleeter to those around her bedside the night before she died affords food for speculation. She said there was more behind this affair than anyone not connected with it would ever know.

The story of the tragedy as related in The Sun was correct, but added details have come to light since. From a letter written by Mrs. Cora Oliver to Link James, it is apparent that she was wrought up about his neglect of her, and a letter sent by young Kelley to Miss Sleeter, and never received by her, shows that he felt himself aggrieved. The police deny that Mrs. Oliver telephoned to Kelley at Paducah on the day preceding the tragedy; but when Kelley arrived in Metropolis on Sunday he hired a horse and buggy and took Mrs. Oliver, Link James' sweetheart, with him. He secured a revolver from a policeman, by representing that the man who owned it and had loaned it to the policeman sold it to him. He stopped a man just outside Metropolis and Kelley inquired if the man was Link James.

The Letters.
The letter written by Mrs. Oliver to Link James evidently was given by James to Eva Sleeter on that fatal Sunday night ride, for it was found in her clothing and the envelope is stained with her blood. The letter reads: "Mr. Link James—Link will you kindly tell me what is the matter with you? Why did you not come over last night to see me? you no one sick, don't you care for me when I am sick, or did you have a date?"

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WEATHER.



FAIR.

Generally fair except probably occasional thunder showers tonight or Saturday. Highest temperature yesterday, 89; lowest today, 71.

State Convention of the Farmers' Union Transacting Its Business Slowly at First Secret Session

Featuring today's secret sessions of the Farmers' Union at the Auditorium rink was a great demonstration this morning by the delegates in favor of R. L. Barnett, state organizer and the originator of the movement in Kentucky. For many minutes the delegates cheered Mr. Barnett and then followed a general handshaking and the emotions of some carried them to the point of tears.

His work in the state, his peculiar views of the problems of rural life and his personal characteristics brought out eulogy after eulogy and prolonged applause. It was apparent that any favor the convention can bestow, that Mr. Barnett wants, will be given. In the election of officers, which may be reached in this afternoon's session, Mr. Barnett is tipped for secretary-treasurer. He does not want the state presidency, which probably will go to the Rev. Robert Johnson, of Crittenden county, who is popular on the east side of the Tennessee river.

Election of officers and adoption of a constitution were down on the program for today, but the business of the convention has consumed more time than was anticipated. It is likely that Saturday will be taken up by the convention, instead of by committee work is announced. It was stated by the leaders this morning that the delegates would not leave until all business was transacted, whenever that may be. Over the presidency considerable friendly rivalry has arisen between the sections east and west of the Tennessee river, and this will make this afternoon's session lively and extended. The constitution will require time for discussion but no controversies are expected.

Much time in the morning session was devoted to the report of the credentials committee. The union is exacting on this point and only accredited delegates are members in good standing were admitted to the rink. Practically every local union in all of the counties represented in the convention, sent delegates. Yesterday afternoon J. E. Montgomery, president of Tennessee, addressed the convention, as did W. A. Morris, state president of Alabama, and W. B. Evans, an assistant organizer in Kentucky.

National President C. S. Barrett, of Georgia, arrived this morning to participate in the convention. He is gratified with the showing Kentucky has made in organizing a state union. Mr. E. Bunyan Carter was the principal speaker in last night's session, taking as his subject, "The Supreme Thing that Confronts the Farmer." He said education, co-operation and law enforcement were among these. R. L. Barnett also spoke last night. This morning's session adjourned at

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Railroads Have Reduced Number of Special Trains Into City For Tomorrow.

Paducah will be short several thousand colored people tomorrow when Emancipation Day will be celebrated, because the railroads have decreased the number of special trains. It is expected that about 8,000 visitors will be here, and as usual an orderly day is looked for. Four excursion trains will be run on the Illinois Central railroad, and one will come in on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad. This is a shortage of three trains on the Illinois Central railroad than last year. About 80 coaches will be used in bringing in the excursionists, while last year there were over a hundred.

The first excursion will arrive early in the morning, one from Louisville and the second from St. Louis. About 1 o'clock an excursion will arrive from Dyersburg, Tenn., and another will come from Memphis. On the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis a special train of 20 coaches will arrive about 11 o'clock from Jackson, Tenn. On the four excursions of the Illinois Central about 5,000 will attend, and on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis at least 2,000 are expected. Several steamboats will run excursions into Paducah, and several thousand may be expected from this source. Many of the negroes from McCracken and adjoining counties will come to Paducah overland, and this city will be the magnet of this section. An advance guard arrived today on the trains, and several hundred were in the city this afternoon.

At points all over the city and especially at Eleventh street and Broadway, where the excursion trains

12 o'clock for dinner and the afternoon session began at 2 o'clock. The attendance continues nearly up to yesterday's demonstration.

SIMS NOMINATED
Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 7.—Thetus W. Sims was nominated for congress in this the eighth congressional district. Sims' majority over John H. Trice by counties are approximately as follows:

Henry, 500; Benton, 250; Hardin, 150; Henderson, 600; Carroll, 500; McNairy, 50; Perry, 500; Decatur, 150.

Trice's majorities are in Madison, 400; Chester, 250. This leaves Sims' majorities 2,450.

W. R. Barham, Democrat, of Lexington, is elected judge over Ross, Republican, of Decaturville, by 750. S. H. Neff leads in the senatorial race in the district composed of Madison, Henderson and Chester counties. The run-off will be with A. H. Askew, both of Madison.

J. G. Futrell and J. W. Robinson are the nominees for county representatives from Madison.

Walter Person, sheriff; W. G. Perry, trustee, were elected for Madison county.

Gift to Policy Holders.

New York, Aug. 7.—Equitable Life directors are discussing giving a fifteen million dollar gift to its policy holders. They have been planning to erect a new office building 1,000 feet high. Many directors now propose to sell the old building, worth twenty millions, and erect a new structure for five millions and distribute the rest.

COMEDY OF ERRORS.

St. Louis, Aug. 7. (Special.)—After a day's search Isaac Mendel, a clothing salesman of Paducah, found his wife at the Union station, they became separated at Cairo, while changing trains. Mrs. Mendel came here. Mendel then came here, and his wife went to Cairo. Finally they met here when their money was about exhausted.

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stop, small stands had been erected for the sale of meats and lemonade. No city license will be required of stands selling meats and lemonade, coffee and tea, but when bottled drinks are offered for sale a city license will have to be taken out. The license inspector will watch closely that this provision is not over looked.

Chief of Police Collins will have his men scattered over the city at the celebrations at the race track, and the Eureka park and see that order is kept. Last year there were only two minor difficulties. The traction company will have a heavy traffic, and all of the cars will be pressed into service. Every precaution will be taken to see that no accidents mar the day.

Cardinal Gibbons Ill.
Rome, Aug. 7.—Cardinal Gibbons was taken ill at Castle Gandolfo with intestinal trouble. He was driven into Rome and has been obliged to take to his bed. His temperature is at present 101. The cardinal arrived here from New York July 30 and had an audience of the pope August 1. He went down to Castle Gandolfo August 3 to visit the Villa of the American college.

BRYAN'S PURPOSE.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 7.—The real purpose of Bryan's coming Chicago visit, as revealed by a friend, is to confer with the American Federation leaders. He wants to put them on record, whether Samuel Gompers really represented union labor in the demands before the Democratic platform committee. A big conference of labor chiefs will be called, when the matter will be presented in the hope of ending complaints from workingmen that Gompers had no right to bind them.

NIGHT RIDERS INTENDED WHIPPING BANKER, WHO DIDN'T ADVANCE MONEY

Commonwealth Begins Introduction of Testimony In Calloway County This Morning.

JAMES WHITLOCK, TELEPHONE OPERATOR AT SHILOH, EXPLAINS ABOUT THE OATH, PASSWORDS AND SIGN

Jury Secured After Panel Was Exhausted and Fifty Witnesses Are Called By Prosecution—Ten By Defense.

Murray, Ky., Aug. 7. (Special.)—Direct evidence will constitute the case of the prosecution in the night rider trials at Murray, which began in earnest this morning with the introduction of testimony in the case of Jake Ellis, alleged night rider captain, charged with conspiracy under the Ku Klux law.

The first witness was James Whitlock, a young farmer and night operator at Shiloh, who said he was forced to join the night riders, in order that he might be made to cut off the switch whenever a raid was in progress. He said Jake Ellis and Van Elkins made him join. They visited him the fourth Monday in March for the ostensible purpose of trading horses, but after they got him in the barn, he said, they made him kneel on a horse blanket and take a blood curdling oath, with his hand raised in the air. He could not remember the words. Afterward, he said, they gave him the signs, grips and passwords. The sign was three whistles, and the password "The Silent Brigade." He said they asked him if he wished to join and when he said no, they said he would have to; that "we are two to your one, and we can be 250 to your one."

Whitlock continued his evidence that on the night of the visit to the home of Moses Thornton, he was ordered to disconnect the telephones, which he did.

Attack on Murray.

Wiley Stewart told of the plan to attack Murray. The purpose was to whip Griffin and Pitts, tobacco buyers, and Henry Dees, the banker, who had not acceded to all their demands to advance money on tobacco. At the meeting discussing the plan to raid the town, it was said in passing that 3,500 members of the band were needed in different counties. It was finally decided to postpone the attack on Murray until fall. Joe Bell and Clay Garland, witness said, were sent into Trigg county to see what help could be secured, and reported to the meeting that 250 men with a wagon load of guns would join. They were given \$5, raised by contributions, to defray the expenses of the trip.

It was decided to tell Al Perry not to deliver his tobacco to independent dealers and to join the association. Witness said the general purpose of the organization was to compel men to put their tobacco in the association and to prevent men leaving it.

Thornton's Testimony.
Interest centered in the testimony of Moses Thornton, the victim of the night riders. He is 57 years old, and told of the visit to his house March 10, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the morning, when 100 men wearing black calico masks and carrying arms, summoned him from his house. He opened the door with a lamp in his hands and was compelled to throw up his hands and call his son. He identified Jake Ellis, as the spokesman, and William McClure as the captain, who wore a scarf made of white table cloth, spotted with saucer rings. He also identified Henry Taylor as one of the men. They ordered him to plant four acres of tobacco, or they would whip him until "his hide wouldn't hold a hunk and then hang him." Before they rode away they told him to notify the editor of the Murray Ledger that a party of 100 men from Trigg county had called on him. When they had concluded the captain said "about face," and "up," whereupon they all fired a round into the air and dispersed.

The commonwealth called fifty witnesses and the defense ten. Commonwealth's Attorney Denny Smith read the indictment, but did not state what he expects to prove. Then the witnesses were separated, something Judge Cook did not wish to waste the time in doing, but finally agreed to.

There is little hope of conviction in this case.

The commonwealth is represented by Commonwealth's Attorney Denny Smith, County Attorney N. B. Barnett, Coleman & Linn and Wells & Wells.

The jury is composed of James K. Miller, E. J. Williams, Pat Beale, Mon McQuiston, W. S. Shoemaker, M. Dixon, R. S. Griffin, B. J. Brim, S. O. Miller, Pat McDaniell, O. F. Card and C. E. Hatcher.

When the panel was exhausted yesterday afternoon Judge Cook ordered twelve more names drawn from the wheel and adjourned court to afford the sheriff time to summons the talesmen.

LAWRENCE INDICTED
Murray, Ky., Aug. 7. (Special.)—Wayne Lawrence, who killed Andy Bannister in a quarrel occasioned by Lawrence's desire to marry Bannister's daughter, was indicted for manslaughter by the Calloway county grand jury.

C. H. Webb Paralyzed.
G. W. Webb, the horticulturist of the county court house park, was called to Smithland this afternoon on account of his brother, C. H. Webb, being paralyzed yesterday afternoon. No hope is held out for his recovery as he is above 70 years of age. He was in business in Paducah several years ago and lately had been practicing law in Smithland.

Examinations for teachers in the city public schools will be held Thursday and Friday, August 27 and 28, at the high school building. Superintendent J. A. Carnegie, Professor J. A. Ragland and Mrs. John J. Doran are the examiners.